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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AID DISCUSSIONS WITH INDIA

1. THIS MESSAGE AUTHORIZES AMBASSADOR TO BEGIN TALKS
WITH THE GOI ON POSSIBLE RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE.

2. YOU SHOULD PLACE DISCUSSIONS ON POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT
ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BROADER ECONOMIC
RELATIONSHIP DESCRIBED IN YOUR JULY 19, 1973 AIDE MEMOIRE.
A RESUMPTION OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE IS PREMISED ON
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND COMMON PURPOSE.
WE BELIEVE THAT PROGRESS TO DATE IN DEVELOPING A NEW
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OVERALL RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA HAS BEEN SUCH AS TO

MAKE POSSIBLE THAT KIND OF AID RELATIONSHIP. WE SEE
AID AS PART OF OUR DEVELOPING ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP, IN
WHICH TRADE AND INVESTMENT SHOULD PLAY AN INCREASINGLY
IMPORTANT ROLE.

3. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE ARE
PREPARED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT LOAN ASSISTANCE
BEGINNING IN FY'75, WITHIN A PLANNING LEVEL OF DOLS 75
MILLION, SUBJECT TO CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIATIONS AND LOAN
AVAILABILITIES. (FYI - GIVEN LIMITED TIME AND SEVERE
LIMITATIONS ON REMAINING FUNDS, WE DO NOT ENVISION DL IN
FY'74 . END FYI). HOWEVER, GRANT FINANCING FOR TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE IN A DOLS 500,000 TO DOLS 1 MILLION ANNUAL
RANGE; COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE BEGINNING IN FY'74.

4. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS, YOU WILL WANT TO MAKE CLEAR
THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS FOR INDIA TO SET ITS OWN
PRIORITIES IN DEVELOPING ITS ECONOMY. OUR INTEREST IS IN
CONSIDERING WITH GOI, FRANKLY AND REALISTICALLY, WHAT ROLE
US CAN BEST PLAY IN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE TO INDIAN DEVELOP-
MENT EFFORTS, CONSISTENT WITH FUNDS AVAILABLE TO US AND
CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTIVES UNDER WHICH WE MUST OPERATE,
INCLUDING AID'S LEGISLATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EFFECTIVE
USE OF ASSISTANCE. SEPARATE AIDAC TELEGRAM WILL PROVIDE
GUIDANCE ON GENERAL DIRECTION WE ARE CURRENTLY ENJOINED
BY LEGISLATION TO FOLLOW IN BILATERAL ASSISTANCE WHICH
WE ASSUME ALREADY KNOWN TO GOI.

5. WHEN WE HAVE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS, BASED ON DISCUS-
SIONS WITH GOI, WE WILL WANT TO REVIEW TIMING AND CON-
TEXT IN WHICH WE ANNOUNCE INTENTION TO RESUME AID RELA-
TIONSHIP AND PERHAPS SPECIFIC AREAS OF DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION. WE MAY WISH CONSIDER TYING ANNOUNCEMEN
INTO SECRETARY'S POSSIBLE TRAVEL TO INDIA LATER THIS
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